

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [17] with the following paragraph.


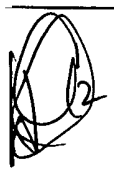



Figure 1 is a side view of a drum brake system 10. The drum brake system 10 includes a cylindrical brake drum 12, a first brake shoe assembly generally shown at 14, a second brake shoe assembly generally shown at 16, and an actuator 18. The general operation of the brake drum assembly 10 is known. The first and second brake shoe assemblies 14 and 16 are preferably identical such that a description of the first brake shoe assembly 14 or its components is also applicable to the second brake shoe assembly 16. The actuator 18, shown schematically in Figure 1, is an s-cam mechanism that is rotated during a brake actuation causing the brake shoes assemblies 14, 16 to engage the drum 12.

Please replace paragraph [19] with the following paragraph:




Each brake shoes assembly 14, 16 is pivotally mounted at one end 34 to a brake spider 36 with an anchor pin 38. The anchor pin ends 34 of the brake shoes assemblies 14, 16 are opposite from actuation ends 40 of the brake shoes assemblies 14, 16. The anchor pin 38 for the first brake shoe assembly 14 defines a first pivot axis 42 and the anchor pin 38 for the second brake shoe assembly 16 defines a second pivot axis 44. When the brakes are applied, the actuator 18 pivots the brake shoe assemblies 14, 16 about the first 42 and second 44 pivot axes, respectively.


Please replace paragraph [20] with the following paragraph:

 A prior art cam brake assembly is shown in Figure 2. This assembly includes a return spring 46 that returns the brake shoes assemblies 14, 16 to their original position after each brake actuation. The brake assembly also includes a pair of retainer springs 48 (only one set is shown) for each brake shoe assembly 14, 16 mounted on the anchor pin end. The retainer springs 48 maintain the shoe contact and orientation with the anchor pin 38 and prevent the brake shoes assemblies 14, 16 from dragging when the brake is not applied.

Please replace paragraph [22] with the following paragraph:

 Thus, the subject invention includes a retainer clip 50, shown in Figure 3, which eliminates the need for retaining springs 48. The retaining clip 50 preferably includes a base portion 52 with a pair of transversely extending legs 54 positioned on opposite sides of the base portion 52. Each leg 54 preferably has a hooked end 56 that engages the anchor pin 38. It should be understood that there is one retaining clip 50 for each brake shoe assembly 14, 16. Thus, the retaining clip 50 shown in Figure 3 is the same for each brake shoe assembly 14, 16.

Please replace paragraph [24] with the following paragraph:

 The clip 50 includes a connector portion that can be attached to any portion of the brake shoe 14 with any known attachment method, however, in the preferred embodiment the clip 50 is mounted to the backing plate 28 with a resilient tab 62. The tab 62 includes at least one grip 64 to engage the backing plate 28. Preferably the grip 64 is a pointed tooth member that clips onto

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the plate 28 such that the tab 62 is on one side of the plate 28 with the remaining portions of the base 52 being positioned on the opposite side of the plate 28.

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The clip 50 can be attached to the plate 28, as shown in Figure 3, or can be attached to another portion of the brake shoe assembly 14, as shown in Figure 4. Each brake shoe assembly 14 includes a pair of transversely extending webbed flanges 70 that extend inwardly toward the center of the brake assembly. The webbed flanges 70 define an engagement surface 72 that receives a portion of the body 58 of the anchor pin 28. In the alternate embodiment of Figure 4, the clip 50 is shown attached to the flanges 70. The clip 50 can be attached to one or both of the flanges 70.

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Please replace paragraph [26] with the following paragraph:

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When the cam 18 is applied, the brake shoes assemblies 14, 16, the clips 50, and the anchor pins 38 pivot as a unit about their respective axes 42, 44. The return spring 46 is used to return the brake shoes assemblies 14, 16 to their original position and the retaining clips 50 cooperate with the anchor pins 38 to maintain proper shoe contact and orientation.